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To: Mayor Jenny Wilson

From: Lindsie Smith, Clark Planetarium Director & Allison Thompson, Board Chair

CC: Holly Yocom, Robin Chalhoub

Date: Wednesday, June 23, 2021

Re: Clark Planetarium Advisory Board Re-appointments

Clark Planetarium's Advisory Board currently has four board members that are eligible for reappointment. We request re-appointment of the following members to their second three-year term:

- Ahsan Iqbal
- James Karner, PhD
- Bianca Lyon
- Olga Siggins

Over the last three years, the advisory board, in partnership with Clark Planetarium and Community Services leadership, has aimed to increase diversity and gender representation on the board, as well as increase geographic representation to include members from all six council districts. The board also seeks members with strong community connections and members that bring industry expertise from fields that include the aerospace, technology, science and education fields. During their first three-year term, the four members eligible for reappointment have helped us further these goals and have also been highly active and engaged board members.

Ahsan Iqbal recently retired from Boeing, but he has continued to foster a relationship between Boeing and the Planetarium, which has included financial support and program opportunities. For the past two years, Ahsan has donated a trip on his private catamaran to the Planetarium gala, which raised ~\$7,000 each year to support our school programs. Ahsan was also incredibly supportive of Planetarium leadership throughout the COVID pandemic.

James Karner, PhD, is a professor of Geology at the University of Utah and is also a member of The Antarctic Search for Meteorites team (ANSMET). The Planetarium team has collaborated with James to share his expertise and adventures in Antarctica through our programs and social media. Jim is enthusiastic about our mission and has been a strong ambassador and financial supporter.

Bianca Lyon works at the Utah Office of Tourism and oversees Utah's dark skies and astro tourism programs. Not only has she connected the Planetarium to opportunities through her role at the Office of Tourism, she has consistently helped with our annual legislative activities, attended events and been an enthusiastic member and financial supporter.

Olga Siggins is General Counsel at Northrop Grumman, which is one of the Planetarium's largest funders. She also served on the 2020 nomination committee and helped us welcome six new board members, all of whom help further the board's initiative to create a diverse board with strong community and industry connections. Olga has also been a strong supporter of the Planetarium's embrace of the arts as a component of its programming.

It has been a pleasure to work with these members and we look forward to working with them for another term. Please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you for your support of Clark Planetarium and the advisory board.